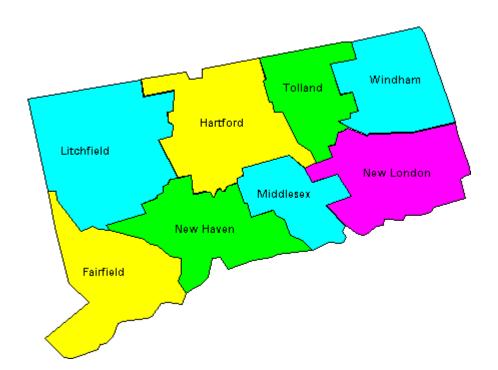
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Connecticut

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, funding, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics1

The Connecticut Department of Public Health estimated the population in 1996 to be 3,274,238.²

1990 Total Population: ³	3,287,116
Race/Ethnicity, 1990	
White:	2,859,353
Black:	274,269
American Indian,	
Eskimo, or Aleut:	6,654
Asian or Pacific Islander:	50,698
Other:	96,142
Hispanic (any race):	213,116
Population per square mile:	6,531

Geography⁴

Connecticut is New England's second smallest and southernmost state. Its 5,009 square mile are bordered by New York State on the west, Rhode Island on the east, Massachusetts on the north and by Long Island sound on the south. Connecticut contains 8 counties, 169 towns, 21 cities, and 9 boroughs.

Politics⁵

U.S. Senators:

Christopher J. Dodd (D)

Joseph I. Lieberman (D)

U.S. Representatives:

Sam Geidenson (D)

Rosa L. DeLauro (D)

Christopher Shays (R)

James H. Maloney (D)

Nancy L. Johnson (R)

- Governor: The Honorable John G. Rowland (R)
- Attorney General: Richard Blumenthal

Programs/Initiatives

• The Capital Area Substance Abuse Council, Inc., in Avon, Connecticut, was a 1998 Drug Free Communities Support Program recipient. The Council aims to reduce alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs through community education and mobilization, public awareness, and advocacy. The Council serves 16 towns, including Hartford and its suburbs. The Subcommittee on Schools is seeking to: 1) Prevent relapse

among the high school students recovering from addictions; 2) Reduce inhalant abuse; and 3) Reduce the risk of youth drug use in North Hartford.⁶

- According to the Connecticut Office of Policy Management the general budget for FY 1999 is 10,117,000 and the proposed FY 2000 budget is 10,542,100; this is a 4.2% increase.⁷
- The Connecticut Office of Policy and Management intends to use FY 1998 funds to continue support of residential drug treatment in three State correctional facilities. In order to expand existing services, seven staff positions will be added at three sites. These funds will also apply to the expansion of halfway house residential drug treatment capacity from 15 to 23 beds. Halfway house programming will be from 6 to 12 months.
- Connecticut's Safe Neighborhoods Program.⁸

	Police Officers and Crime Prevention			
	\$ P.O.'s	\$ Crm. Prv.	Total	
1997-1998 Budget Year	\$4,830,000	\$381,000	\$5,211,000	
1998-1999 Budget Year	\$3,250,000	\$381,000	\$3,631,000	

 A major program supported through the Edward Byrne Memorial Program includes juvenile justice centers in major population areas bringing together various services which are available for juvenile offenders in an area and affords a case management approach to meeting offenders' needs.⁹

Treatment Programs¹⁰

• SAPT Block Grant funds support treatment and rehabilitation programs that utilize four main strategies:

Methadone maintenance and ambulatory drug detox.

Residential detoxification.

Alcohol and drug residential rehabilitation.

Alcohol and drug outpatient.

The objectives of these strategies are to reduce the negative consequences associated with alcohol and other drug abuse by: (1) increasing the number of individuals seeking care; increasing the participation of family and significant others in treatment; and reducing alcohol and other drug abusing behavior through a system which is clinically effective and responsive to the individual's need.

Program*	1997	1998
Ambulatory Detoxification		
# of clients managed for withdrawal	1,115	1,105
% of clients meeting treatment goals at discharge	68%	74%
# of clients in treatment on last day of year	106	116

Alcohol and Drug Outpatient Services					
# of clients served	12,422	11,432			
% of clients meeting treatment goals at discharge	60%	58%			
# of clients in treatment on last day of year 3,422 4,023					
Alcohol and Drug Residential Rehabilitation					
# of clients served	6,366	6,383			
% of clients meeting treatment goals at discharge	72%	71%			
# of clients in treatment on last day of year	1,037	1,126			

^{*}Program statistics represent all clients served in DMHAS funded and operated programs of which SAPT dollars represent a portion.

 Block Grant funding supported the implementation of the Connecticut Model for Substance Abusing Women & Their Children and in particular a Case Management Initiative. The primary goals of this program are: to maximize access to the women's specialty programs; and to establish protocols that link critical pathways supporting women's ability to enter and participate in treatment. This is accomplished by assigning a Case Management Consultant in each region for the women's specialty programs.

*New Initiatives*¹¹

- Hispanic/Latino Outreach Initiative: SAPT Block Grant funds were allocated to ensure that the under representation of the Hispanic/Latino population in prevention and treatment services is addressed.
- Senior Outreach Initiative: SAPT Block Grant funds were allocated to identify persons, 60 years or older, who are at risk of having substance abuse problems. The programs is also designed to raise awareness of substance abuse programs appropriate to the population's need, and reducing the stigma surrounding alcohol and drug abuse within the senior population.
- Women's Case Management: SAPT Block Grant funds were allocated to maximize access and utilization of the women's specialty programs and to develop protocols that enable service systems to communicate and coordinated with each other in the best interest of the client and their family.
- Dual Diagnosis Methadone Program: This initiative was a targeted priority in FY 1998. SAPT Block Grant funding was allocated to three programs in the State to develop screening instruments to identify clients with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders.
- Health Care Outreach: In FY 1998, DMHAS funded three programs targeted at
 early identification of those who may have a substance use problem. The purpose of
 the program is to increase both identification of clients in the health care system who
 are in need of substance abuse treatment, as well as their successful referral to the
 appropriate level of substance abuse care.

Target Population¹²

• According to DMHAS' 1995 Treatment Needs Assessment and Synthetic Estimates, there are approximately 224,000 individuals whose patterns of alcohol and other drug use indicate the possible need for treatment.

• FFY 1997/1998 Program Accomplishments

SAPT Block Grant funded treatment and rehabilitation services; program measures.

Program	1997	1998
Totals		
# of DMHAS funded & funded clinics	175	173
# of Block Grant funded clinics	128	128
# of client treatment episodes	38,211	39,389
# of clients (unduplicated count)	24,897	24,909
# of clients in treatment on last day of year	8,882	10,290
Methadone Maintenance		
# of clients treated	5,414	6,314
% of clients meeting treatment goals at discharge	35%	39%
# of clients in treatment on last day of year	4,105	4,817
Residential Detoxification		
# of clients managed for withdrawal	12,854	14,155
% of clients meeting treatment goals at discharge	72%	74%
# of clients in treatment on last day of year	212	208

Crime and Drug-Related Crime¹³

Index Offenses Known to Connecticut Law Enforcement Agencies, 1995-1997

Offense	1995	1996	1997
Murder	150	158	124
Rape	773	755	740
Robbery	5,326	5,553	4,999
Aggravated Assault	6,962	7,012	6,918
Total Violent Offenses	13,211	13,478	12,781
Burglary	29,094	27,574	24,143
Larceny	87,141	81,331	78,821
Motor Vehicle Theft	17,661	16,023	14,541
Total Property Offenses	133,896	124,928	117,505
Index Crime Total	147,107	138,406	130,286

Drug Arrests, 1997¹⁴

	Total all classes	Drug abuse violations
Under 18	31,059	2,345
Total all ages	181,010	13,024

Drugs

Pulse Check, January – June 1998¹⁵ Bridgeport, CT

Reporting Of Drug Type	Use	Who's Using	Prevalent Method of Use	Drugs in Comb.	Who's Selling	Price/ Purity	Other
Ethnographers Heroin	Stable at high level	30% each for blacks, whites, and Hispanics; 65% males; older 30- 40+ years; increased snorting by 16-10 year old group	Snorting; Injecting	Crack; cocaine Alcohol	Gangs; 15-25 year olds; use of beepers	\$10/bag; purity is high	
Law Enforcement Heroin	Increase	Mostly males; all ethnicity's; prostitutes	Mostly snorting, less injecting		Mostly minorities, all in inner city	\$10 units; 28-30% pure ("p- dope")	Typically purchased between 6-8 a.m.
Ethnographers Cocaine/Crack	Stable	60% black, 40% Hispanic; equally males and females; 20- 29 years	Snorting	Some alcohol or marijuana	Mostly males, 15-25 years at street level; Older (25+) using beepers	\$10/bag; high purity	
Law Enforcement Cocaine/Crack		All ethnicity's, ages, both males and females	Smoking; Snorting		Minorities on the street; Jamaicans beginning to sell	Powder: \$10 units; Crack: \$5/ 1/10 gram	
Ethnographers Marijuana	Increase	Increase incidence among all cultures, socioeconomic groups, ages		Alcohol; Cocaine (some)	15-25 year olds at street level; don't usually sell other drugs	\$10/bag; good quality	
Law Enforcement Marijuana	Increase	Wide range in age, ethnicity's, both males and females		Formalde hyde	Jamaican gangs ('posses")	\$5/small package (less than 1 gram)	

- Drug and violent crime in Connecticut nearly doubled between 1985 and 1990. 16
- After a brief decline in 1990, drug arrests are again at record levels. This rise is being driven by juveniles (age 15 and under) with a 42% increase in arrests for 1995. 17
- Connecticut law defines "juveniles" as age 15 or younger. After declining for several years, juvenile drug offenses have risen 156% since 1992. Juvenile drug crime arrests increased 44.5% in the year of 1995, compared to only 7.1% for adults. ¹⁸
- Connecticut's three largest cities, Bridgeport, Hartford, and New Haven have 12.1% of the state's population, yet their share of the state's adult crime has remained 27% of all arrests, and 37% of drug arrests. Juvenile crime accounts for over half of all state juvenile arrests for serious and drugs offenses. ¹⁹

Drug Crime Arrests for Adults (age 16 and up)*²⁰

Year	Number of Arrests	% Increase
1992	17,005	7.6%
1993	18,277	7.5%
1994	19,982	9.3%

1995	21,408	7.3%
1996	21,070	1.6%

^{*} In Connecticut, ages 16 or older are treated as adults for criminal justice purposes.

• Drug Crime Arrests for Youthful Offenders and Young Adults ²¹

Year	16 - 17 Year Olds	18 - 21 Year Olds
1992	1,311	3,465
1993	1,669	3,870
1994	2,208	4,491
1995	2,414	4,588
1996	2,553	4,695

Juveniles²²

Initiating behaviors of high school students.

Connecticut	Tried marijuana before age 13		Tried co	caine before	age 13*	
1997	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
	5.7	9.6	7.7	0.9	1.1	1.0

^{*}Including powder, "crack," or "freebase" forms of cocaine.

High school students' reports of illicit drug use.

Connecticut	Lifetime		Current		Marijuana use on				
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1997	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
	42.6	46.9	44.9	24.0	27.5	25.8	5.5	10.2	7.9

^{*}Ever used marijuana.

High school students' reports of illicit drug use.

Connecticut	Lifetime cocaine use*		Current cocaine use¶		Lifetime "crack" or "freebase" use§				
1997	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
	4.3	6.4	5.3	1.9	3.3	2.6	3.0	3.9	3.4

^{*}Ever tried any form of cocaine, including powder, "crack," and "freebase."

§Ever used "crack" or "freebase."

High school students' reports of illicit drug use.

Connecticut 1997	Lifetime illegal steroid use		Lifetime Injected drug use			Sniffed or inhaled intoxicating substances			
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
	2.1	3.6	2.8	1.1	1.9	1.5	18.4	20.0	19.1

Trafficking and Seizures

^{**}During the 12 months preceding the survey.

[¶]Used cocaine one or more times during the 30 days preceding the survey.

• Number of marijuana plants eradicated and seized, arrests, and weapons and assets seized:²³

	Arkansas	1997
Outdoor Operations	Plots eradicated	34
	Cultivated plants eradicated ^a	1,920
	Ditchweed eradicated ^b	0
Indoor Operations	Grows seized	6
	Plants eradicated	25
	Total plants eradicated	1,945
	Number of arrests	18
	Number of weapons seized	0
	Value of assets seized	30,987

^aMay include tended ditchweed; see footnote b.

Drug Seizures by the Statewide Narcotics Task Force, 1997-98²⁴*

Drug	Weight	Street Value
	(kg)	
Cocaine	29.41	\$ 6,674,555
Heroin	1.33	1,034,838
Marijuana	1,649.16	10,706,555
Crack/Cocaine	5.94	1,070,035
Pills	1.59	4,671
Other		37,510
TOTAL	1,687.43	\$19,528,164
Total (FY 1994/95)		\$113,270,219
Total (FY 1993/94)		25,220,818

^{*}Includes data from East, North Central, South Central, Northwest and Southwest field offices. State of Connecticut.

• Assets Seized and Forfeited in Connecticut as of October 26, 1998²⁵

Year	Cash Seized	Cash Forfeited
1993	\$ 1,307,486	\$ 919,439
1994	1,495,018	1,022,931
1995	1,391,189	950,469
1996	1,560,464	932,423
1997	2,783,474	970,255
1998	1,111,651	321,546

• Drug Asset Forfeiture Cases as of October 26, 1998²⁶

Years	Cases
1993	860
1994	974

^bDitchweed is a type of marijuana that grows wild.

1995	965
1996	984
1997	1,092
1998	897

• Dollar Values Per Case as of October 26, 1998²⁷

Years	Average Dollar Value	Median Dollar Value
1993	\$1520	\$ 600
1994	1,535	585
1995	1,442	1,456
1996	1,586	395
1997	2,549	411
1998	1,239	428

Enforcement²⁸

Number of law enforcement employees, 1997						
Connecticut		Offic	cers	Civilians		
	TOTAL	Male	Female	Male	Female	
State Police	1,441	901	66	220	254	
Other state agencies	24	22	2			

Courts²⁹ Distribution of sentenced offenders by drug type*, FY 1997

	United	States	Connecticut		
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
Powder Cocaine	4,730	25.2%	55	56.7%	
Crack Cocaine	4,567	24.4%	28	28.8%	
Heroin	1,818	9.7%	12	12.3%	
Marijuana	5,146	27.5%	1	1%	
Methamphetamine	1,926	10.2%			
Other	521	2.7%	1	1%	
Total Sentenced		38.7%		31.4%	
for Drugs					

^{*} Of the 17,261 drug cases (including trafficking, use of a communication facility, and simple possession), nine cases with missing drug type were excluded from the bar chart.

Corrections

Prisoners Under State and Federal Correctional Authority³⁰

	Advance 1997	1996	1995	Percent change '96-'97
U.S. Total	1,182,169	1,183,368	1,126,293	5.2%
Connecticut*	15,007	17,851	14,801	3.8

^{*}Prisons and jails form one integrated system. NPS data include jail and prison populations. Jurisdiction data are reported for the first time. Comparisons to past counts are inapplicable.

- A goal of the Connecticut Department of Corrections is to complete random drug tests for 5 percent of the institutional population per month. Every parolee under the Board of Parole supervision is subject to random urinalysis testing at least once every 3 months.³¹
 - 2,251 inmates in drug treatment programs on January 1, 1997 20 drug dogs used in Connecticut prisons.
- The number of juvenile delinquents confined in State facilities rose 81.2% between 1985 and 1995.
- According to the Connecticut Department of Corrections, the Daily per inmate cost for FY 96-97 was \$70.49.³²
- Staff equaled 6,971 for 19 facilities.³³
- As of July 1, 1997 the incarcerated population totaled 15,588; 14,430 were men and 1,158 were women.³⁴

Black: 7,225 White: 4,140 Hispanic: 4,132 Other: 91

• Connecticut Inmates Incarcerated for Drug Related Offenses, March 31, 1998³⁵

Offense	# Inmates
Illegal manufacture, distribution, or sale of hallucinogen or narcotics	2,754
Illegal possession narcotics	1,051
Operating motor vehicle under influence of liquor or drugs (DWI)	139
Operating with suspended license for DWI	56
Drug paraphernalia in drug factory	21
Misrepresentation of controlled substance	14
Illegal possession near school	9
Drug paraphernalia, prohibited acts	6
Illegal sale by non-drug dependent person	5
Illegally obtaining drugs	1
Manufacture of sale of restricted Substance	1
Drug related	1
Prohibited Acts	1
TOTAL	4,059

These Inmates made up about 25% of the 15,907 inmates imprisoned on that date.

Treatment³⁶

- Connecticut's percentage of AIDS cases attributable to injecting drug use (IDU) is twice the national rate. The department of Public Health (DPH) reports that, as of March 1998, 50% of the state's AIDS cases are a result of IDU.
- According to the 1995 Adult Household Survey conducted by the University of Connecticut Health Center, over 14% of the adult population (18 and over) have a lifetime substance use disorder (alcohol and illicit drugs) while close to 10% currently are diagnosed with a disorder.

• Based on a national model (*Substance Abuse: The Nation's Number One Health Problem - Key Indicators for Policy*, Institute for Health Policy, Brandeis University, 1993) and accounting for inflation, Connecticut's costs for drug abuse are estimated to be \$1,74 billion for drug abuse related consequences. The total alcohol and other drug abuse costs for residents of Connecticut is estimated to be over \$5 billion annually or approximately \$1,145 per each man, woman and child in Connecticut.

• Reporting characteristics, October 1, 1996³⁷

	All Treatment Facilities			Private Funding Only			Non-Responding Facilities	
	Facilities	Clients	Clients	Facilities	Clients	Clients	Number	Percent
			per Facility			per Facility		
Total	10,641	940,141	88.4	1,660	123,928	74.7	1,693	13.7
Connecticut	170	12,142	71.4	5	350	70.0	34	16.7

One-day census of clients in treatment, October 1996³⁸

	Clients Treated For:								
	Total Clients		Alcohol Abuse		Drug Abuse Only		Both Problems		
			Only						
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Total	940,141	100.0	261,977	27.9	273,232	29.1	404,932	43.1	
Connecticut	12,142	100.0	1,857	15.3	5,332	43.9	4,954	40.8	

¹ U.S. Census Bureau Web site: http://www.census.gov

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³ U.S. Census Bureau Web site: http://www.census.gov

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